Mr. T. C. Thommen: The rules for recruitment proposed by the Public Service Commissioner are under the consideration of Government. The work of recruitment will be taken up by him after the rules are passed.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know when the Commissioner is likely to begin work?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: He has submitted a set of draft rules to Government. These are under consideration, and, after they are passed, he will begin his work of recruitment.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know the approximate time the Government will take to pass these rules?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: No time limit can be stated. The rules will be passed as soon as possible.

Pay of the Franchise Commissioner.

23. *Mr. E. P. Varghese: Will the Government be pleased to state the pay of the Franchise and Delimitation Commissioner?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: His salary plus deputation allowance admissible under the rules.

Use of printed forms for statements of agreements by the P. W. D.

24. *Mr. E. P. Varghese: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether printed forms are used for forwarding the statements of agreements from the P. W. D. to the Account office; and

(*b*) whether such statements contain all the columns that are contained in the monthly return from the Division Offices to the Chief Engineer?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) Yes. But on rare occasions, when either printed forms are out of stock or when the particulars to be entered are too many to be contained in the printed form on account of insufficient space in the columns, manuscript forms are used.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know from the member whether the monthly returns submitted to the Account Office contain a column for showing the lowest tender accepted in the Public Works Department?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: May I know from the member whether such a column exists in the returns submitted by the Executive Engineer?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes.

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